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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Non-final Office Action dated December 14, 2007 for a period of 1 month(s).

Applicant is: small entity (per 37 CFR 1.27) other than small entity

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Other Than</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<u>Months</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

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